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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2003 12:55 PM
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Senator John McCain
U.S. Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Hill
452 Dawson Lane
Jericho, New York 11753

cc:

Representative Peter King
Senator Ernest Hollings
Senator Hillary Clinton
Senator Charles Schumer
FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps
FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

From: JohnieLeg@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadeiste@fcc.gov
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:28 PM
Subject: FCC ruling

I urge you to rescind the proposed ruling which would allow concentration of media ownership. This is a serious rule which could endanger the First Amendment and even our democracy itself. I know you don't take this lightly, but I believe you should think about the worst case scenario that you can dream up. It is scary. Please reconsider this rule, allow opportunity for the public to know about it and to provide feedback to you.

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From: Chris Coppen
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:31 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Commissioner Adelstein,

I respectfully ask that you delay implementation of new FCC regulations, due to go into effect this coming Monday, until such time as further public input can be gathered.

Thank you very much.

Chris Coppen
2111 W. Carlisle Ave.
Spokane, WA 99205

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From: WWNanner@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:39 PM
Subject: consolidation

What about all this consolidation talk? Don't you listen to the American people? Don't you listen to members of Congress? Whats wrong with you people? I don't have any choices as it is, and you want to make it worse and eventually much more expensive!
Why have you refused to release the actual language of the rule change -- why don't you listen to the public or Senators or members of Congress. Postpone the vote and have public meetings. Lets have a democratic debate about the consequences of your actions that will have such massive impact.
Public involvement in decision making is what democracy is all about, and I resent the fact, that I cannot leave a message on a government machine for anything I have to say. You people in the FCC represent, WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Nancy Phipps, Whitewater, Kansas

From: Mekjunkmail@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:41 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I would like to urge you to vote against broadening the ownership of TV and radio stations by our nations media conglomerates. I feel by allowing them to own and control even more stations would eventually stifle ideas and honest public debate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
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From: Romina339@cs.com
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy,
FCC FCCINFO
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:49 PM
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Dear Public Servant

Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The Media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

Thank you

From: SWeil46117@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:02 PM
Subject: postpone the vote to reduce regulations

Dear Chairman Powell and Members of the Commission:

Why are you in such a rush to change the current regulations? Why do you want to keep the regulation changes a secret prior to the vote? Obviously, the changes once established will outrage the American public! What little we already know about the changes are outrageous.

The left complain the media is controlled by the right. The right complain the media is controlled by the left. If the current laws get changed whoever is correct will have that much more control. The scary part of all of this, is that I think the main part of your plan, Mr. Powell is to limit the amount of information the American public receive via the media.

This is an UNAMERICAN idea. Stop the rule changes. Postpone the vote, have more debate, and more public hearings and input.

Sincerely,
Sally Weil

From: pastarr@candcsolution.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:07 PM
Subject: FCC Relaxing Rules: Don't

Dear Michael Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Kevin Martin, and Jonathan Adelstein, I am writing you to urge a delay on the scheduled June 2 decision of whether to relax the rules on increased corporate ownership of tv stations and newspapers. I have heard the arguments that commercial tv has a problem competing with the cable tv stations. Yet I have never heard it said that commercial tv is not making money. They are.

As a citizen I have concerns about further reducing the competition that exists in tv, radio, and the newsprint. The bigger is better approach to communications in this country does not give viewers/readers/listeners a better selection and choices as some of you claim. We already have plenty of that, we are saturated in fact. It does however, do two negative things:

1. It eliminates local control, local jobs, and the local "flavor" of the news and programming. When Clear Channel gained control of 6 radio stations in the Minot, North Dakota area, they were able to have only one disc jockey for all 6 stations. This may be efficient, but eliminated 5 jobs. It also made it difficult, NPR reported recently, for the Emergency Response Team to get out an emergency notice to citizens of the area.
2. This corporate takeover also eliminates the possibility for any voices of disagreement to be heard that an increasingly conservative corporate world does not want to us hear. Even though I do not always agree with the views of people like Tim Robbins, Danny Glover, and the Dixie Chicks, I agree that they need to be able to speak their minds. When Clear Channel executives organized and promoted listeners to not only boycott

the Dixie Chicks, but to bulldoze down thousands of Dixie Chick CD's at a rally, this made me realize we need more competition, not less. This country needs to be a place where many views are at least considered, not a place where only one view is acceptable. Diversity is our strength, not our downfall. Further corporate takeover of the media promotes sameness not diversity, except in name only.

With this in mind, I urge that you delay your vote and give more time for inquiry. What is the hurry on a decision that affects not only economics, but democracy?

Sincerely,

Brian C. PaStarr

CC: KM KJMWEB

From: SEIDELAM@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:13 PM
Subject: michael powell:no accountability! for canceling Nightline

Dear FCC people,
Shame on OUR supposed representative for taking the easy way out and not showing up to defend WHY he is in favor of deregulation. You owe this to the American people PAYING your salary!

The outcry from the public is enormous, but you prefer to take money from special interests instead of doing what is absolutely for the good of the country.
RECALL MICHAEL POWELL!
IT IS A SORRY STATE FOR OUR COUNTRY WHEN YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH THIS BEHAVIOR.
BE ACCOUNTABLE!
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Milwaukee

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From: JrShine@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:18 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Give Away to Corporate America

Commissioner Abernathy:

I resent your catering to the wishes of the communications industry WITHOUT holding and seeking public comment.

FCC closed meetings with communication company officials, to the exclusion of the public, should not be permitted.

Holiday travel and accommodations provided by corporate America should not be accepted by FCC personnel.

Further consolidation of the communications industry will ONLY perpetuate corporate greed, eliminate many jobs and not serve the best interests of the public.

Please do what is in the best interest of the public.

**DO NOT VOTE TO PERMIT FURTHER CONSOLIDATION
IN THE COMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS!**

FRANK sHINE

Your job is not political, as in political payoff, but governmental, as in doing what is best, not for corporate America, but what is best for the American public.

From: ChaunceyPeach@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:30 PM
Subject: Vote

Dear Sir,

I hope it is the news reports are not true and that you do not favor changing FCC rules. I t would be a grave mistake.

Dorothy H Stoeger
Platte Woods, Mo 64151

From: SRP0917@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:35 PM
Subject: ATTN: Ms. Abernathy

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,
Shawna Pershing
Muncie, Indiana

From: Brown, Matthew
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:55 PM
Subject: DO NOT approve the media ownership consolidation

To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not pass this measure on Monday. The consequences will be detrimental for the country, and also for your agency once the public retrospectively gains awareness of its implications. The general public has not been adequately informed of these changes and their possible effects, and it is unethical to vote for this measure until they are. Thanks,
Matthew Brown

From: Ed & Nancy Thwaites
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:55 PM
Subject: At least delay the ruling on broadcast ownership

Dear Ms Abernathy:

I am very distressed by the misguided FCC ruling on media ownership that is about to be foisted, with little debate, on the American people.

We have too much monopoly already in the media sources from which most Americans get their news.

A variety of news and opinion sources is basic to the functioning of a Democracy.

Please, at the very least, delay the implementation of this ruling until the Congress and the American people can debate its far-reaching effects.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: juliedsimpson@earthlink.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2003 1:48 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Whitesell
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From: drewdeman@mindspring.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2003 2:17 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

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I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

As a private citizen, the legislation in question is a real threat to the music I like. History shows that the conglomeration of tv and radio stations makes for a watering down of the diversity of the average radio playlist. As a musician working independently, companies like Clear Channel owning more and more radio stations will impact my livelihood and my ability to gain exposure. Keep those safeguards intact.

Sincerely,

Drew de Man
Drew de Man
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Atlanta, GA 30307

From: Jim Wagner
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 10, 2003 8:21 PM
Subject: News Media Coverage Concern Update

May 10, 2003

Hello Honorable Representative,

In reference to my May 8, 2003 email. It may have sounded like a political campaign. It was not. The items in my email were newsworthy. But, the media would not print them. That the media was prejudiced against Lyndon LaRouche and appears to be illegal.

I hope you can do something about it.

Thank you and GOD BLESS.

James Wagner

From: John Rook
To: KA KQAWBSITE, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 10, 2003 7:14 PM
Subject: Time's cover controlled by \$\$

another example of Media Control

This week's Time magazine features a caucasian female on the cover wearing a SARS mask.

Yet clearly, it should have been an asian female, where SARS is really a factor.

Time featured a white female because it sells more magazines.....no other reason.

www.JohnRook.com

CC: Johanna Mikes, John McCain, Alex French, Russell Feingold, James Assey